

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The City of Norfolk was established as a town in 1682, as a borough in 1736 and incorporated as a city in 1845. The City is the economic, business, educational and cultural center of southeastern Virginia. The City lies at the mouth of the James and Elizabeth Rivers and the Chesapeake Bay, and is adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean and the cities of Virginia Beach, Portsmouth and Chesapeake.

Area of City		
YEAR		SQUARE MILES
1930	.....	37.19
1940	.....	37.19
1950	.....	37.19
1960	.....	61.85
1970	.....	61.85
1980	.....	65.75
1990	.....	65.98
2000	.....	65.98

CITY GOVERNMENT

Norfolk is an independent, full-service city with sole local government taxing power within its boundaries. It derives its governing authority from a charter (the "Charter"), originally adopted by the General Assembly of Virginia in 1918, which authorizes a council-manager form of government. The members are elected to office under a ward-based system, with two members elected from Citywide super wards. The City Council elects a Mayor and a Vice-Mayor from among its members. Among the City officials appointed by the City Council are the City Manager, who serves as the administrative head of the municipal government. The City Manager carries out the City's policies, directs business procedures and appoints, with the power to remove, the heads of departments and other employees of the City except those otherwise specifically covered by statutory provisions. The City Council also appoints certain boards, commissions and authorities of the City.

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS

POPULATION

As reflected in the Table V-1, based on the 2000 Census, the population of the City has declined since 1970; a fact which can be attributed in part to the clearance and redevelopment of blighted areas and to a reduction in the birth rate. Norfolk is the second most populous city in Virginia, as shown in Table V-2.

TABLE V-1
Population Trend Comparison

1960 - 2000

Year	Norfolk	Hampton Roads MSA (1)	Virginia	U.S.
1960	305,872	881,600	3,954,429	179,323,175
1970	307,951	1,058,764 (2)	4,468,479	203,211,926
1980	266,979	1,160,311 (2)	5,346,279	226,504,825
1990	261,250	1,430,974	6,189,197	249,632,692
2000	234,403	1,569,541	7,078,515	281,421,906

Sources: Various Reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Notes:

(1) Until March 1993, the Hampton Roads ZMSA consisted of the Virginia localities of Norfolk, Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg, Gloucester County, James City County, and York County. In March 1993, Mathews County and Isle of Wight County, Virginia and Currituck County, North Carolina were added to the Hampton Roads MSA.

(2) Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, University of Virginia, is the source for the 1970 and the 1980 MSA Population.

TABLE V-2
Five Most Populous Cities in Virginia

City	2000 Census Population
Virginia Beach	425,257
Norfolk	234,403
Chesapeake	199,184
Richmond	197,790
Newport News	180,150

Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

AGE

The age distribution of the City's population is presented in Table V-3.

TABLE V-3
CITY OF NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
City Population Distribution by Age
1960 – 2000

Year	Population	Under 20	20-64	65 or Older
1960	305,872	39.8%	54.5%	5.7%
1970	307,951	35.4	57.8	6.8
1980	266,979	30.7	60.1	9.2
1990	261,250	28.1	61.4	10.5
2000	234,403	28.6	60.5	10.8

Source: Various Reports of the Bureau of the Census.

INCOME

Table V-4 provides an annual comparison of per capita personal income since 1991.

TABLE V-4
CITY OF NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
Per Capita Personal Income Comparisons
1991 - 2003

Year	City	Hampton Roads MSA	State	U.S.
1994	18,218	20,383	23,305	22,172
1995	18,667	20,856	24,056	23,076
1996	19,401	21,876	25,034	24,175
1997	20,361	22,838	26,307	25,334
1998	21,406	24,026	27,780	26,883
1999	22,131	24,912	29,226	27,939
2000	23,546	26,364	31,087	29,845
2001	24,862	27,774	32,534	30,575
2002	25,352	28,659	32,964	30,804
2003	25,895	29,337	33,730	31,472

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Note: Figures for 2004 were unavailable on date of publication

HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION AVAILABILITY

Table V-5 provides an annual breakdown of residential building permits since 1993.

TABLE V-5
CITY OF NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
Residential Construction
1993 - 2004

Fiscal Year	Residential Construction		
	Building Permits	Number of Units	Value (in thousand dollars)
1993	122	127	10,333
1994	206	283	20,532
1995	208	453	24,856
1996	191	213	16,555
1997	184	184	14,751
1998	160	310	24,848
1999	192	233	25,301
2000	189	287	26,356
2001	236	408	42,510
2002	296	617	58,637
2003	455	771	81,768
2004	469	769	133,011

Source: US Census Bureau.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The unemployment rate for the City is illustrated in Table V-6.

TABLE V-6
CITY OF NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
Unemployment Rates, % (1) (2) (3)
1994 - 2004

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Norfolk	6.8	6.3	6.7	6.4	5.2	5.0	4.2	5.1	6.4	6.6	6.7
Hampton Roads MSA	5.6	4.9	4.8	4.5	3.4	3.2	2.7	3.3	4.3	4.5	4.4
Commonwealth of Virginia	4.7	4.5	4.3	3.7	2.8	2.7	2.3	3.2	4.2	4.1	3.7
United States	6.1	5.6	5.4	4.9	4.5	4.2	4.0	4.7	5.8	6.0	5.5

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey and Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) series

Notes: (1) Not seasonally adjusted

(2) Figures for 1994 – 2004 represent annual numbers

(2) Figures for Norfolk and Hampton Roads MSA for 2000 – 2004 are preliminary and to be revised further due to implementation of the LAUS Redesign.

EMPLOYERS

A variety of industrial, commercial and service employers are located within the City.

Table V-7 presents data regarding the principal businesses in the City.

TABLE V-7
CITY OF NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
Principal Non-Government Employers in 2004

Company	Number of Employees	Product/Service
10,000+		
Sentara Healthcare		Health Care
2,500 – 9,999		
Bank of America		Banking
FHC Health Systems/Value Options Inc		Mental Health Mgmt
Ford Motor Company		Truck Manufacturing
1,500 – 2,499		
Norshipco (U.S. Marine Repair)		Ship Building/Repair
Landmark Communications		Newspaper and Media
Children's Hospital of the King's Daughter		Health Care Facilities
Eastern Virginia Medical School		Education
General Foam Plastics Corp.		Manufacturing
1,000 – 1,499		
USAA		Insurance Support Center
Verizon Communications		Telecommunications
Dominion Virginia Power		Electric Utility
500 – 999		
Wachovia Corporation		Banking
Trader Publishing		Publishing
Norfolk Southern Corporation		Railroads
Bernard C. Harris Publishing		Publishing
BB & T		Banking
Marine Hydraulics International		Ship Building & Repair
Electronic Data Systems		System Analysis & Design
Workflow Solutions LLC		Commercial Printing & Design
Portfolio Recovery Associates		Financial Recovery
American Funds Group		Mutual Funds

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Company	Number of Employees	Product/Service
Sun Trust Financial Corporation		Banking
SPEEDE Shipyard –Metro Machine Corp		Ship Building & Repair
Unidyne LLC		Contract Consultants
Virginia Natural Gas Company		Gas Utility
Sources: 2004 Hampton Roads Statistical Digest		
Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance		

STUDENT POPULATION

Norfolk Public Schools student population is shown in Table V-8.

TABLE V-8
CITY OF NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
Public Schools
Student Population
(End of Year Report)
1998 - 2005

School Year	Average Daily Membership	Percent Change
1997-1998	35,923	0.7
1998-1999	35,709	(0.6)
1999-2000	35,326	(1.1)
2000-2001	35,000	(0.9)
2001-2002	34,289	(2.0)
2002-2003	34,349	0.2
2003-2004	34,030	(0.9)
2004-2005	33,762	(0.8)
2005-2006 (1)	33,262	(1.5)

Source: Norfolk Public Schools

Notes: (1) Projected